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PUBLIC MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN



The Department of Public Works' plastic sewage conservancy tank at the former Magistrate's residence 'popped' out of the ground on 12 August 2012

How long does it take for the Department of Public Works to prevent the conservancy tank on one of its properties in Prince Albert from overflowing into neighbouring property? Well, as residents to the south of De Queekvaleij Estate have found, well over two years!

Despite repeated complaints over this period to the Department of Public Works and more recently to the Central Karoo District Municipality Health Inspector the problem with the former Magistrate's house has still not been resolved. The *Friend* has seen a small portion of the volume of correspondence that has been written over this period. It would seem the residents affected by this unpleasant situation have been extraordinarily tolerant, but their patience has run out.

John Whitton, a spokesperson for the residents concerned, has made condensed extracts from typical correspondence available to the *Friend*:

18 July 2011 – John Whitton (JW) to Department of Public Works (DPW):

"I find it necessary to again draw your urgent attention to the dire situation regarding sewage effluent running from the conservancy tank at the former Magistrate's house into my property.

I am dismayed to conclude that our complaint appears to have been largely ignored. The present situation is far worse than previously reported...there is now a constant stream of foul sewage water running from your tank behind my garage and eventually into my neighbour's property. Portions of the ground are completely waterlogged with pools of green stagnant water giving off an unhealthy stench."

26 September 2011 - JW to PWD "I write to inform you that there has been no action in preventing the leak from the conservancy tank since we received your letter of apology a week ago."

13 July 2012 –JW to Central Karoo District Municipality (CKDM) Health Inspector: I am writing to bring to your attention what I consider to be a serious health hazard in Prince Albert requiring

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Één Hoërskool en één Laerskool vir P A

Almal praat daaroor en een van die dae sal dit 'n werklikheid wees! As dit nie in 2013 gebeur nie, sal dit beslis in 2014 gebeur.

'n Senior beampte van die Wes Kaapse Onderwysdepartement, Mnr T G Hawker, het onlangs Hoërskool Zwartberg en Prince Albert Primêre Skool besoek om met die beheerliggame te gesels oor die feit dat dit nou tyd is dat daar net een hoërskool en een laerskool in Prince Albert is. Hy het dit duidelik gestel dat die hele proses deursigtig sal wees en met die gemeenskap se oorlegpleging sal geskied. Na die vergadering het beide beheerliggame ingestem dat hierdie verandering tot voordeel van beide skole en die gemeenskap sal strek.

Mnr Hawker het beklemtoon dat hierdie 'n proses is wat volgens regeringstandaarde moet gebeur. Hoërskool Zwartberg het klasse van Graad 1 tot Graad 12 en Prince Albert Primêr het klasse van Graad R tot Graad 9. Daar is dus baie oorvleueling wat plaasvind. Volgens Mnr John Steyn, prinsipaal van Prince Albert Primêr is die verandering tot voordeel van die leerders. Hy voel die feit dat die Graad 8 en 9 leerders na die hoërskool toe sal verskuif dissipline sal verbeter. Baie van hierdie leerders is nog nie heeltemal ernstig oor hul skoolwerk nie, maar wanneer hulle in die hoërskool is, sal hulle hopelik met ander oë daarna kyk.

(Vervolg op p 16)

We Celebrate Our Centenary

Op 4 Oktober 2012 vier die *Prince Albert Vriend* sy 100ste verjaarsdag. Ons wil graag ons volgende uitgawe 'n onvergeetlike een maak en nooi al ons lesers, skrywers en adverteerders uit om 'n spesiale poging te maak om ons van artikels, stories en advertensies te voorsien. Dit is nie aldag dat 'n koerant so 'n mylpaal bereik nie! Laat ons saam feesvier!

On 4 October 2012 the *Prince Albert Friend* will celebrate its 100th birthday. We would like to make our next edition a memorable issue and ask all our readers, contributors and advertisers to make a special effort and provide us with articles, stories and advertisements. After all it's not everyday that a newspaper turns 100! Let's celebrate together!

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A Christian Perspective: The Seven Pillars of Wisdom

Andrew Tudhope recently gave an inspiring address at St John's Church. The excerpts that follow are an adaptation of his comments.

A question asked of each one of us: "Do you understand what is going on, or are you confused about life?" If so, says Lady Wisdom, leave your impoverished confusion and live! Come and have dinner with me. Walk up the street to a life with meaning. A good place to start is to follow the seven pillars of wisdom.

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LIVE NOW and leave the past behind us living reverently and piously in the present moment.

Our goal on earth is to transcend self-centred illusions, to let go of our fears and to discover the innate power of the spirit. We must learn to live with love, in the service of God, ourselves, others and all life

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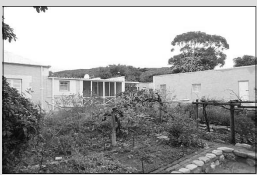
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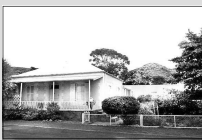
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Thanks to Romy and William

Our dear friends William and Romy of Café Albert are moving on and I would not have wished the moment to pass without thanking them for their contribution to our town. They have been gracious hosts and have served us some scrumptious goodies over the years.

A special thanks from your friends of the Scrabble Club who meet each Wednesday morning to do battle over words. Most of the time we behaved ourselves and played genteel games while enjoying the good coffee and eats that you provided. When we became excited and argued over unusual words, William's benign smiles and chuckles smoothed the way for better games.

Thank you too, Romy for healing our tired feet and muscles with the treatments you gave.

We wish you well in your move to your new home and in the rest that you have earned. We will miss you.

André Jaquet

Dankie Prince Albert

Ek was beïndruk met my besoek in Augustus 2012 aan Prince Albert. Ek het die vriendelikheid van die inwoners geniet en sal beslis weer 'n besoek aan hierdie wonderlike dorpie aflê. As stadsjapie het ek gedink dis seker 'n plekkie waar niks aangaan nie, maar o wee ek was verkeerd. Prince Albert het my hart gesteel.

Met my aankoms op Prince Albert het ek 'n foto van 'n kandidaat vir 'n nuwe "Prince Albert" geneem, hy het gesê sy naam is Rasta.

Met my vertrek het ek foto's geneem van Oom Jafta Pietersen wat my vertel het dat hy die 20ste Augustus 78 jaar oud sal wees. Baie geluk met die verjaarsdag oom Jafta.

Lyk my ek het die koudste week gekies om Prince Albert te kom besoek; die man by die galery vertel my dat dit slegs ses keer per jaar reën op Prince Albert!

Elkeen wys hy het tyd, wil gesels en stel werklik belang. Almal vertel van plekkies wat ek moet besoek: die volstruisdop-

plek, Meiringspoort, die waterval en dat ek tog vir Reinie Smit moet gaan ontmoet by die biblioteek. Wat 'n pragtige mens.

Christeline by die museum, hou aan met die goeie werk. Dankie vir die uitwys van Dokter Manie Coetzee, wat in 1980 my suster, toe nog 'n babatjie, by Prince Albert stasie gaan haal het om haar na die hospitaal te neem nadat sy op die trein siek geword het.

Die dame by Mix, dankie vir die lekker koffie en sjokolade koek.

Ongelukkig kon ek, weens die reën, nie die sterre besigtig nie. En al die spekbo-
me, my gunsteling plant, Prince Albert is oortrek met hulle.

Swartberg Hotel se brood, is die beste wat ek nog geproe het. Die resept is seker "Ouma se geheim" né!

Ek hoop werklik julle wen *Dorp van die Jaar 2012*. Ek het my deeltjie gedoen en my SMSe gestuur.

Dankie Prince Albert, vir alles!

Rayno Lourens
Bellville

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Thanks from Gunda

Dankeschön to the people who are helping me through this difficult time, especially Doc Pete Reinders, John and Judy from Scholtzkloof, Julie and Richard from Karoo View Cottages and Jenny, Donald and Collette.

Also a big thank you to the community of Prince Albert for their kindness and their support.

For me Prince Albert is not only the town of the year but also the town of the century.

G.H.B

(Public Money... Continued from p 1)
your urgent attention.

The problem concerns sewage effluent running from the conservancy tank at the former Magistrate's house into my property.

This problem has been ongoing since early 2010; I have a file recording correspondence and telephonic conversations on the matter. It is a history of procrastination, mismanagement and incompetence by the officials in charge and the contractor concerned.

In summary I contacted the Public Works Department in Cape Town and after protracted correspondence two senior officials travelled to Prince Albert to examine the problem. After a considerable delay an inadequate plastic tank was sunk into the hole of the former brick built tank. My advice that a new brick-work tank should be built, away from the common boundary, was ignored by the DPW. The problem has been exacerbated by the present shoddy new installation.

I request that you formally condemn the present installation and the premises should be vacated until a new permanent and hygienic solution has been implemented. (It will not help to simply have the tank emptied as the surrounding land is now saturated with sewage water and the tank will most likely float to the top of the 'pond' if emptied)."

25 July 2012 - JW to CKDM: "Thank you also for opposing the Department of Public Works' ludicrous proposal to move the tank further down the site; I can only interpret that suggestion as Public Works finding it acceptable to discharge raw sewage onto their own property!"

I do not understand why they need to use a contractor from Oudtshoorn when there are many very competent local builders in Prince Albert capable of building a conservancy tank to SABS specification within a few weeks of order, thus avoiding the travel costs incurred by an out-of-town builder and providing much needed employment in our town."

At about midnight on Sunday, 12 August, the plastic conservancy tank popped out of the hole as predicted by John Whitton. In doing so it severed the main sewage pipe from the house leaving the tank floating in a pond of stagnant effluent water. The tank, distorted beyond being reusable, will have to be carted away as scrap.

At the time of going to print no action had been taken to rectify the problem permanently. The tank was still in a pond of stagnant water. Although the two security guards living in the former Magistrate's house have apparently been told not to use their toilet, other water from the house continues to flow into the open hole. This is a serious health hazard.

The *Friend* invited the Department of Public Works to comment on this article. No response had been received by the time the newspaper went to press.

- Linda Jaquet -

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Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

In September kan ons volgens die kalender sien dat die lente aangebreek het. In die naghemel word dit bevestig deur die prominente verskyning van die sterrebeeld Pegasus in die Noord-ooste. Op die Aarde word ons daarvan bewus deur die ryk blommeprag en al die bloeiers en die dae wat stadig langer word.

Pegasus, die Vlieënde Perd, (herinner ons daaraan hoe vinnig die tyd vlieg) is die dominante noordelike sterrebeeld in September en Oktober en met die Lente dagen-nag-ewening (’n dag vroeër weens ons skrikkelag hierdie jaar) op 22 September, word dit met reg die Lentesterrebeeld genoem en is die teken dat die dae nou stadig langer as die nagte word, in die Suidelike Halfrond.

Van vlietende tyd gepraat, dit geld net vir ons aardbewoners, in die heelal is tyd van veel minder belang en daar gebeur alles rustig op sy tyd. Aardse tydbepaling word deur die aarde se rotasie om die Son bereken: wanneer die Son loodreg bokant ons is, is dit 12:00 middag sonyd, maar wanneer byvoorbeeld Orion bokant ons is, is dit 6:00 sterretyd en met Pegasus bokant ons, is dit 24:00 sterretyd en begin ’n nuwe sterrejaar vir ons.

Die yslike Vierkant van Pegasus is maklik om uit te ken aan vier helder sterre wat die romp van die perd voorstel met sy nek uitgestrek na links, na wes. Dit is een van die min noordelike sterrebeelde wat vir ons hier in die suidelike halfrond in die regop posisie sigbaar is.

Venus (mag. - 4.2) is steeds die helder oggendster op pad deur die Kreef na Leo.

Jupiter is op die oomblik die helderste objek (mag.- 2.5) in die tweede naghelfte, maar sal teen die einde van die maand reeds voor middernag opkom in die sterrebeeld van die Bul naby Aldebaran.

Nuwe Maan is op 16 September en Volmaan op 30 September.

Bo-aardse nuus:

Op Maandag, 6 Augustus, het die Mars-

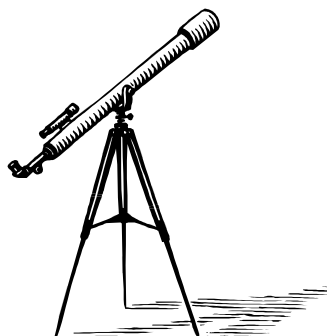
wetenskapslaboratorium-voertuig Curiosity na ’n agt maande lange reis, veilig op die Marsoppervlakte geland. Curiosity is die grootste voertuig ooit om op ’n planeet te land, dit is so groot soos ’n Mini Cooper motor op Aarde. Om dié rede moes ’n spesiale landingsprosedure gevolg word om die vaartuig van 21 000 km/u in sewe minute tot stilstand op die marsoppervlakte te bring.

Met die indring in die Mars-atmosfeer, wat baie dunner as die Aarde sin is, rem ’n hiteskild die vaart effens af. Dan ontplooi ’n groot valskerm om dit verder te rem, maar omdat die marsatmosfeer nie dig genoeg is nie, is ’n valskerm onvoldoende om ’n sagte landing teweeg te bring en moet daar ook nog remvuurpyle na onder afgevuur word om van die landingstuig ’n tipe skeertuig te maak wat dan vir Curiosity met kabels sagkens op die marsoppervlakte kan neersit. Curiosity word ontkoppel en die skeertuiggedeelte vlieg weg om nie bo op Curiosity te lande te kom nie. Dit word die “sky crane” landingsprosedure genoem en verloop alles outomaties.

Sewe minute is lank genoeg vir die wetenskaplikes om baie vingernaels stompies te kou. Weens die grootte van Curiosity en die ondervinding dat die storms op Mars mettertyd son panele met ’n dik stoflaag bedek en onbruikbaar maak, word hierdie nuuskierige tuig nie met sonenergie nie, maar met atoomkrag, aangedryf. Nou wag ons in spanning om die resultate van die ondersoek op en onder die Marsoppervlakte te bekommer? - Lewe?

Hou die sterre in u oë!

- Hans Daehne -



FUTURE EVENTS

September 2012

1 September: TEDx Prince Albert: “Meet me there: Working Beneath, Between and Beyond towards a thriving planet”

4 September: Prince Albert Primêr Visbraai

5 September: Garden Club, Karoo View Cottages, 15:00

15 September: New Apostolic Church Choirs Music Hour, Hoerskool Zwartberg sports field, 15:00

21 – 23 September: Saamtrek van die De Beer familie

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6 & 7 October: Flower Festival, St John’s Church

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Kyk uit vir die KANSA seël van erkenning by die aankoop van bababottels

Dit is Woensdag 25 Julie 2012 en uiteindelik breek ons Koppie vir KANSA tee aan. Die voorbereiding en bewusmaking het reeds in April begin en groot was die oomblik toe die vermaarde KANSA navorser, Dr Carl Albrecht, aan die gehoor voorgestel is.

Uit die staanspoor is dit duidelik dat hy almal se aandag het. Met sy rekenaar-skuifievertoning het hy stap vir stap die

oorsake, voorkoming en die behandeling van kanker verduidelik. Volgens Dr Albrecht is rook, virusse, dieet, vetsug/oorgewig, chemiese stowwe, alkohol, hormone en spanning almal belangrike faktore in kanker-verwekking.

KANSA het die invloed van mensgemaakte chemiese stowwe op die omgewing as karsinogene (kankerwekkende stowwe) deeglik ondersoek. Die huidige fokus is ondermeer, op chemikalieë soos Bisfenol A (BPA) in bababottels wat van polikarbonaat ('n harde plastiek) gemaak word, en ook op plastiseerders in sekere soorte kleefplastiek en sagte baba speelgoed. Dit is belangrik om by die aankoop van plastiek uit te kyk vir die KANSA seël van erkenning. Dr. Albrecht het beklemtoon dat vroeë opsporing vir almal van kardinale belang is en dat kanker nie noodwendig 'n doodsvonnis is nie. Canola margarien, canola-olie en rooibostee is volgens hom kankervriendelik. Nadat al die vrae beantwoord en die praatjie deeglik uitgepluis is,

het ons heerlik gesellig verkeer met warm sop, tuisgemaakte brood, kaas en konfyt.

Baie dankie aan al die komiteede en almal wat 'n bydrae gelewer het om van hierdie oggend 'n sukses te maak, natuurlik ook 'n groot dankie vir u ondersteuning! 'n Bedrag van R2 700 is ingesamel

Onthou borsondersoeke en papsmere. Plakkate ter herinnering sal vroeg in September opgesit word wees.

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2

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3

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4

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5

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Ria Steyn

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Brett the Vet: Having the Town of our Lives

A recent national competition for popular 'town of the year' nearly became Prince Albert. The criterion of votes delivered, via (rigged) text messages still failed to land us in plum position, giving all a chance to reflect on what characteristics, features and attributes may actually constitute a town worthy of such a lofty accolade.

The given setting is undeniably picturesque (from almost all angles) taking in mountains, valleys and open spaces. Diverse architecture ranges from exquisite churches, beautifully restored period houses to plucky *brakdak* structures, and shack bleak. The streets are all lined with trees towering over broad, shaded sidewalks with wheelchair access, benches, and fountains. Interesting shops beckon. Restaurants offer meals to suit most tastes. Other facilities are exemplary.

How would we dream a town worthy of taking first prize, ensuring everybody's blessing: one heart one vote for the good life?

The chosen one at the helm casts his ballot. Those presiding, content with their positions of power prevail. For all deployed by the state this life is bliss. Private businesses, companies, and incomes create a life of ease. Temporary rich in gabled houses gamble graciously, coiffed bohemians lounging in quaint cottages token, writers in seclusion take note, artists on retreat make their mark, citizens residing in RDP housing have been blessed, and extended families crammed in corrugated iron boxes are content to have a sometimes blazing sometimes icy veneer hanging over their heads.

Children have an excuse to send lots of sms's. They are loved, entertained, fed at school, at home, and nurtured by a kind participatory community in the understanding that we are all responsible for the wellbeing of our enchanting youth, knowing that our schools deliver the finest education possible because children are our future.

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Cats purr with pride because now they can continue to do exactly as they please.

Pigs plug PA because they can ramble freely on range, with access to one another, and mud baths, fresh food and water ad lib, wandering through cool glades in family groups, rooting for tasty treasures, grunting among themselves all day long.

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Prince Albert Wins Bronze: *Kwêla/Rapport Dorp van die Jaar* competition

Prince Albert was voted Western Cape Town of the Year and achieved third place in the national finals of the *Kwêla/Rapport Dorp van die Jaar* competition. Although hugely disappointed I bit my lip and sent congratulations to Sabie in Mpumalanga on winning the title Dorp van die Jaar 2012 and to Lady Grey in the Eastern Cape for taking 2nd place.

The final results were:

Sabie: 71902; Lady Grey: 64677; Prince Albert: 62759; Clarens: 49184; Walvisbaai: 47643; Schweizer-Reneke: 14680; Hoedspruit: 11794; St. Lucia: 8006 and Kathu: 7386

The top five towns all received more votes than the winning town last year, De Rust, which managed just 39000!

The Tourism Office would like to thank everyone who voted for Prince Albert and supported our campaign. Your generosity raised enough money to send 47 992 votes from the phones of people in Prince Albert who could not afford to vote them-

selves! Of course we're disappointed... but we're delighted with our "bronze medal". The best prize of all was to see how our community could work together towards a common goal.

The publicity and exposure that our town received, not only from *Kwêla* and *Rapport*, but also from radio stations and other publications was phenomenal. It has ensured that Prince Albert is now firmly on the map.

I am sure that our town will continue to benefit from all the publicity for some time to come. Already Ellen Joubert tells me, "We have sold more 'skaapies' since the *Kwêla* programme than in any other month, apart from December!"

Although our town didn't win gold, we are thrilled that our people won two of the top lucky draw prizes. Cristiano van der Bergh won a "Leopard's Leap Experience" for two and a cooking session with Liam Tomlin Food. Travelling costs, overnight accommodation with breakfast

in a 5-star guesthouse in the Franschhoek Valley were included in the prize.

And Maryna Darries won a week for two at the Heritage Le Telfair Resort & Spa in Mauritius including breakfast and dinner! The prize includes return air tickets to Mauritius from Cape Town or Johannesburg, airport taxes, transport to and from the airport in Mauritius, a quad or 4x4 tour and a spa treatment!

A big thank you to Amanda and the Pep Store staff, Sanna, Zahn & Bonita, for being so accommodating and efficient when we regularly bought your entire stock of SIM cards and prepaid airtime!

Our gratitude also to all the tourism students who assisted with the voting campaign ... especially Jeremia Prens, Odile Wanie, Elrikus Jooste, Dean Assegaai, Ivan Cupido and Donovan Ontong for walking the extra mile to ensure that Prince Albert got every single possible vote!

-Zelia Mullins-

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MUSEUM NEWS

The Jubilee Tree

Way back in 1887, Queen Victoria's fifty-year reign was celebrated worldwide. And, from research done by Kathy Schulz at the Cape Town archives, it appears that the people of Prince Albert joined in that celebration!

Kathy has been searching through the minutes of the Prince Albert Village Management Board established in 1881. In the minutes record for the 8th of July 1887, the Secretary stated that he had purchased a Norfolk BaÖs (unfortunately it is difficult to decipher the handwriting, but could it be Banks?) Pine. A Mrs Hofmeyr, it was noted, had consented to plant it at the corner of the telegraph office and call it *Jubilee Tree*. The secretary was Mr B S Honeyborne who doubled as postmaster from 1866 to 1869. Mrs Hofmeyr was very likely the wife of dominee A J L Hofmeyr who served the Prince Albert community from 1883 to 1895.

Kathy's search in the 1907 Rates Register revealed that the telegraph office was situated in Bank Street on erf 217 which is owned by the Hugo family today. Originally this was part of Erf no. 12 which had been subdivided in 1851. Erf 217 lies on the north side of Bank Street behind Onse Rus Guesthouse. The telegraph office building is attached to the Hugo home with a separate entrance on the stoep. This was the same building as the one in which the Standard Bank was situated from 1880 to 1886.

In notes which Giles Hefer received from the Standard Bank archives these premises are described as follows: "The first premises on record were situated at Wilson's Corner on Lot LD Erf no. 12. It was a single-storey building, containing two offices and a house of five rooms, kitchen and pantry." Could this be the reason for the street being named Bank Street?

On the 4th of October 1912 the first issue of the *Prince Albert Friend* was published, probably by Mr Siebrets and it is known that its offices were in this build-

ing for some time. Since the Public Offices (Post Office and Magistrates Court) building was inaugurated in 1912 it is possible that the first *Friend* was printed in this little building. In 1932 the well-known doctor H P D van Wyk (Riem) opened his practice here and lived in this house. He later built a house and consulting rooms on the property next to the present day museum and served the community for 36 years until his death in 1968.

But back to the Jubilee Tree. Where could it have been planted? The telegraph office was not exactly on a corner, being wedged between Onse Rus Guesthouse and the house on erf 218. Was it on the corner of Bank/Church Streets or on the corner of Bank/Mark Streets. Where was Wilson's Corner? There are no signs of a Norfolk Pine there! Or was there perhaps a change of plan and the tree was planted in the grounds of the Anglican Church right opposite the telegraph office? Until recent years, there was a very old Yellowwood tree in the church grounds near the corner of Bank/Mark Streets.

If the tree which was recently damaged by fire is the Jubilee Tree, then we know that it is one hundred and twenty five years old and that it is a Norfolk Island Pine, *Araucaria heterophylla*, which could grow up to a height of 65 metres. It is very similar to the Bunya pine, *Araucaria Bidwillii*, but neither are true pines.

The name Norfolk Island Pine implies that it is endemic to Norfolk Island, a small island in the Pacific Ocean between Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. It is also called the Monkey Puzzle tree, Star Pine, Joseph Banks tree or just Banks Pine and maybe the illegible word in the minutes of 8th July 1887 is indeed Banks!

Museum Greetings
Lydia Barrella

Lint nie geknip by Otto du Plessis-pad

Die vyftigjarige viering van die bestaan van die Otto du Plessis-pad wat op 10 Augustus sou plaasvind, moes ongelukkig gekanselleer word as gevolg van weersomstandighede. Ná erge reën en sneeu is die Swartbergpas amptelik gesluit en niemand is toegelaat om op die pas te ry nie. Die lintknipsereemonie sou by die afdraai na Gamkaskloof plaasgevind het.

Hennie van der Merwe, geskiedeniskenner, het laat weet dat die seremonie later vanjaar, (moontlik in Oktober) sal plaasvind. Hy sal ons op die hoogte van sake hou.

- Lydia Barrella -

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That Monster – Inflation

Last month there was an article in the *Friend* that took a look at the increase in Municipal charges for services and observed that the increase of around ten or eleven per cent did not appear unreasonable, even though the government keeps on telling us that the national inflation rate was less than six per cent.

Now that we have received and paid our July accounts, the reality of those increases strikes home hard. For those of us who still have conservancy tanks which have to be emptied by the tanker truck, the increases were alarming, to say the least.

This is not meant to be a criticism of the Municipality's accounting methods because they also face constantly rising costs, but for fixed income individuals and families the increases mean a considerable burden.

look at your Municipal account of just five years ago will reveal the undeniable and relentless march of inflation. In July 2007 a modest household could expect a monthly account totalling about R270. That same household now gets a bill of about R730, an increase of 170%, which includes a R58 increase in VAT. The more we pay for services, the more VAT we pay. For large families the increase is a lot more.

Have incomes kept up with the inflation rate? Probably not. Compare the cost of individual services of today and five years ago:

Electricity	111.60 (2007)	312.88 (2012)
	201.28	(166% increase)
Water	25.00	43.32
	18.32	(73% increase)
Refuse	31.00	50.19
	19.10	(61% increase)

moval have not doubled in five years, but look at electricity! Knock on ESKOM's door for that.

For those of us who still have conservancy tanks the costs in the last five years have risen dramatically by 285%, which some households just cannot afford. If these figures are anything to go by, if your monthly Municipal bill now is say R850, in 2017 you will be paying over R2000 every month.

Remember 1970 when petrol cost 10c a litre? Ten years ago it was R4 a litre and you can expect to pay R18 or more by 2017.

Never forget that inflation is the creeping devil of our times.

- Hugh Forsyth -

It seldom pays to dwell on the past but a Basic water availability and refuse re-

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~ Honour our Roots: The De Beer legacy ~

Our 2012 focus on 250 years of permanent settlement at the foot of the Swartberg Mountains has brought us to the eve of the de Beer Reunion. The Heritage Day weekend will find de Beers from across the country converging on Prince Albert to celebrate their family history.

In the 1750's Zacharius, Mattÿs and Johannes Jürgen, the sons of wagon builder, farmer and burger Mattÿs de Beer of Stellenbosch, headed into the Roggeveld to establish themselves as farmers, but the conditions were too harsh and they eventually trekked towards the Swartberg district, where the Dutch East India Company had recently made loan farms available.

In February 1762 Zacharius de Beer was granted permission to settle on land at the foot of the mountains on a fertile plain through which ran a river. He and his wife Dina called their farm *De queekvalley* (Kweekvallei). Mattÿs settled on the *Swartrivier agter die Leeuwenrivier* and Johannes at *Frischgewaagt is Half Gewonne*. In 1768 and 1780 respectively Mattÿs and Johannes moved with their families to the Camdeboo.

Zacharius was obliged to pay an annual quitrent of 24 rix-dollars and deliver part of his wheat harvest to the Castle or the magistrate. In December 1762 he started to build his house on the land where Gay's Dairy stands today. The reed dam, which provided water to run the mill and irrigate distant fields, can still be seen.

Kweekvallei prospered and visitors were made most welcome. Both the farm and the well-educated children received favourable comment. In 1769 eight-year-old Dina impressed visitors with her thanksgiving prayer at dinner and her thirteen-year-old cousin's handwriting and arithmetic came in for praise. The tutor employed for three months of each year was obviously earning his keep.

The 1773 census recorded the following information: resident at Kweekvallei

were one man and woman, five boys, four girls, one slave, one horse, eighty cattle and eight hundred sheep. Governor Swellengrebel visited the farm in 1776 and Zacharius accompanied him on part of his journey towards Graaff Reinet. The following year Zacharius died and was buried in the graveyard on the farm.

1778 saw Governor von Plettenberg visiting Kweekvallei. Commander Robert Jacob Gordon clambered up the koppie overlooking the farm to paint the view – one of fifty-three landscapes among more than three hundred illustrations in the Gordon Atlas which is lodged at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. The painting shows a thriving farm with wheat fields, vineyards, orchards, a large homestead, a mill, threshing floor and numerous kraals. Hottentot huts and Bushman scherms can be seen in the foreground, showing both peoples had been drawn into the work of the farm.

When he visited again in 1786 Gordon made the following entries in his journal: "Made camp, exhausted and found a pool of delicious water, even though the river was dry. We saw fresh lion tracks here but observed nothing further except that the lions had drunk here recently and had rolled in the wagon-road like horses. Rode ahead in the morning to Widow de Beer, who is now married to Johan Raubenheimer. The farm is called Queek Valley and lies on the Swarte River which is half-way to the Gamka River. It was a pleasant sight for us who had been travelling for a long time through dry, parched country. We found everything in abundance here with delicious fruit such as grapes, watermelons and peaches."

Johan Raubenheimer died in 1794 but Dina continued to farm at Kweekvallei with the assistance of her son Samuel Jacobus de Beer. Three years later Sir John Barrow, private secretary to Governor Macartney described Dina at sixty as "a tall, straight, well-looking and active woman." Dina eventually retired to Cape Town to live with her eldest daughter Dina, the little girl whose prayers had so impressed the early visitors to the farm.

Her slave Malatie van Cochin accompanied her.

The water from the Swartberg and the de Beers' hard work brought new life to the land below the mountains and the farm eventually grew into a small but thriving parish which, in 1845, became the village of Prince Albert.

In 1998 and 2000 de Beer family reunions were held. Four Zacharius de Beers attended the first gathering, including the former leader of the Democratic Party. Oom Abie de Beer of Camps Bay startled some of the family with his close resemblance to his uncle Zaag who had served as the Skriba at the NG Kerk for more than fifty years. Joleen de Beer reported on her research and stated she had tracked down 20 000 de Beer descendants. She and David de Beer combined their family records to produce a comprehensive family tree which they presented to the Fransie Pienaar Museum at the 2000 re-union. This is now available on CD – contact David for more information: debeerdw@lantic.net

During the 2012 re-union, organised by Mari du Toit, family members will be able to visit all three of the original farms and enjoy guided tours of the town and the Lotz /de Beer graveyard. A memorial will be unveiled at the site of the first de Beer graveyard on Kweekvallei. Evening functions will provide opportunities to trace family history and enjoy the Prince Albert Story, a play about the village performed by the Patchwork Theatre children. Prince Albert residents who would like to take part in any of the activities can collect a booking form from the Tourism Association office.

Information from: The Prince Albert History Calendar by Frieda Haak, and Prince Albert (Kweekvallei) by the Prince Albert Writers' Guild. Both are available from the Fransie Pienaar Museum.

- Ailsa Tudhope -

~ Inspireer ons jeug: Michelle May ~



Michelle se glimlag laat almal beter voel! (Foto: Ailsa Tudhope)

Hierdie dame het 'n glimlag wat die hele wêreld inspireer: "Ja, ek is 'n regte mens mens. Ek hou van almal onder die son." Michelle is bekend as Dr Pete 'Pampoen' se ontvangsdame, 'n Prince Albert dogter wat haar dorp dien in op 'n menigte maniere.

Michelle onthou goed hoe haar Ouma Maria Jansen "vir Mies Mat gewerk het, en ek het onder Mies Mat se kombuistafel grootgeword." Sy is op skool by Prince Albert Primêr tot graad nege en behaal matriek te Môrester in Oudtshoorn. Dit was vir haar glad nie erg om by die skool koshuis in te woon nie: "Die tannies was soos ons ma's."

Gedurende haar skooljare is Oupa Dirk Jansen haar mentor. "Hy het tuinwerk gedoen by Huis Kweekvallei en ook gehelp om die Museum se tuin netjies te hou – dis hoekom ek so graag by die Museum help om tydens die Olyffees *witblits* te

verkoop." Michelle was baie hartseer toe Oupa Dirk sterf nadat na sy die skool verlaat het, maar haar ouma Maria is nog vol lewe op ouderdom 85.

Na skool het Michelle 'n jaar in Prince Albert gewerk om studiegeld vir kollege te spaar. Vir ses maande het sy op die lande gewerk en sy onthou die harde dae baie goed. "Ek het myself belowe ek sal nooit weer ses uur in die oggend in die winter op 'n lorrie klim nie – ek gaan iets anders doen met my lewe."

Die Suid-Kaap Kollege en 'n paar bestuursassistentstertifikate het Michelle bemagtig. Vanaf 2000 tot 2004 het sy vir Dr Steyn as ontvangsdame gewerk. Daarna word sy deel van die Reinders familie se lewe. Michelle se glimlaggende gesig is die eerste wat jy sien as jy die spreekkamers instap. Sy bestuur ook die *Karoo Khaya* gastehuis as Megan en Pete uit die dorp uit is en beman soms somer ook

hulle groentestalletjie op die Saterdag markie.

Michelle se diensbare lewenspad vloei voort uit haar familie en kerk lewe. Sy is gedoop, voorgestel en getroud in St John's Anglikaanse kerk. Een Vrydag het meester Dawid Bezuidenhout by Môrester opgedaag en aangekondig dat sy nie daardie naweek huis toe gaan nie, maar wel 'n sondegskool onderwyserkursus moet bywoon. Michelle is nog steeds die Sondagskoolonderwyser vir St John se kinders!

By die vorige verkiesing het Michelle as 'n vrywilliger gewerk en moes duime verf om aan te toon dat mense gestem het. Die toesighouer moes oor en oor vir haar sê, "jy moenie soveel praat nie", maar Michelle ken vir almal en dit is nie in haar aard om stil te bly nie.

Dave Rennie het besef dat Michelle baie mense ken en 'n verskil in hulle lewens kan maak. Hy het voorgestel dat sy 'n lid van die Gemeenskappolisieforum moet word.

Sy sê: "Ek probeer om onwettigheid stop te sit en om lekker met mense te praat as ek iets verkeerd sien."

Die beste deel van haar werk? "Om die telefoon te antwoord – 'n mens weet nooit met wie jy gaan praat!"

Michelle se advies vir jong mense: "Vasbyt! Jy moet in jouself glo en aanhou. Alles val nie in 'n mens se skoot nie, jy moet jouself help. Dit is ook wat ek my eie kinders, Marcello en Jamie leer."

- Ailsa Tudhope -

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(Êen Hoërskool... vervolg vanaf p 1)

Mnr Ricky McKnight, hoof van Hoërskool Zwartberg, voel ook dat hierdie proses goeie dinge vir beide skole inhou. Vir die onderwysers lê daar natuurlik baie uitdagings voor. Sommige moet Hoërskool Zwartberg toe en ander moet Prince Albert Primêr toe kom. Gelukkig is onderwysers 'n aanpasbare spesie en ons is seker ons sal hierdie verandering ook passievol kan aanpak tot die voordeel van almal!

- Linda Fodor -

Vleiswerk - Swaarkry met Lekkerkry Klaarkry



Schalk Botes, Jan-Chris Marais en Carinus Koorts (Foto: Miems Theron)

Op Dinsdag 31 Julie kom so dertig gemeentede en hulle werkers in die Kerkzaal bymekaar om al die slaggoed wat vir die Kerk gekollekeer is te bewerk: 5 beeste, 80 skape en ses varke. Dit was voorwaar 'n goeie jaar!

Al die slaggoed is aangery na Merweville-slagpale om "wettig" geslag en deur die gesondheidsinspekteur getjap te word. Die manne wat 'n reuse aandeel in die werkery het, Jan-Chris Marais en Schalk Botes, ry die diere aan en gaan haal weer die karkasse – alles op eie koste.

Schalk en Jan-Chris begin sommer by die huis om snitte uit die bees en vark te sny en te verpak. Die res word afgesny vir die werkery in die saal. Bestellings van heel skaap en lammers word deur Schalk en sy vrou Annatjie verwerk, verpak en gevries.

Tydens die biduur van Wyk 8 op 23 Julie hou ons 'n beplanningsvergadering van wie wat moet doen. Die saal en breekgoed moet vir die dag gereël en bespreek word. Almal moet gebel en uitgenooi word om te kom help, gewapen met 'n skerp mes, voorskoot en houtbord, die verpakkingsmateriaal moet aangekoop word, brood moet gebak word, sop moet gekook word, want ons moet darem eet ook! André en Berlinda Nel sal soos in die verlede die elektroniese skaal beman

en vleis merk nadat dit verpak is. Die verpakte vleis moet iewers gestoor word tot basaar dag.

Dinsdag breek aan. Schalk, met sy bakkie, klok 7:30 in. Nog nooit iemand gesien wat so reguit op so 'n smal stuk sementpaadjie agteruit met 'n waentjie aangehaak kan ry, om by die sypaal se dubbeldeure te kom nie. Saag en al die ander benodighede, word afgelaai en ingedra. Annatjie volg hom met die res.

Om dié twee se werkvernuf te aanskou is nogal 'n belewenis. Hulle weet van!

Die sae begin sing, die karkasse word oopgekloof, die snitte word uitgesny, ribbes word ontbeen, opgerol vulsels ingesit en vasgebind. Snitte word sorteer en skoon geskraap van vleissaagsels om dit aantreklik te maak. Dit word netjies verpak in lende- rib- en dikribtjops, boud, kookvleis en skenkels. Die nekke word uitgehou en gaar gemaak vir basaar dag. Die maalvleis word gespesery en onder Jan-Chris se wakende oog gestop en wors van gemaak. Ons gesels en lag en vertel grappies en die swaarkry word met lekkerkry klaargekry.

Die kratte verpakte vleis word aangery na Gay van Hasselt se koelkamers en sy voorsien ons ook van melk vir die dag. Dankie, Gay, ons waardeer dit só baie – jy bly maar 'n ou staatmaker!

Ons bederf onself en braai een van die lammers vir middagete met vars Jan-Chris-wors, sop en vars tuisgebakte brood. Toe "die laatmiddag room word" (van Wyk Louw), pak ons op, voetseer-moeg, maar met die wete: Opdrag suksesvol uitgevoer.

- Miems Theron -



Van die gemeentede hard aan die werk
(Foto: Miems Theron)

NG Kerk Basaar



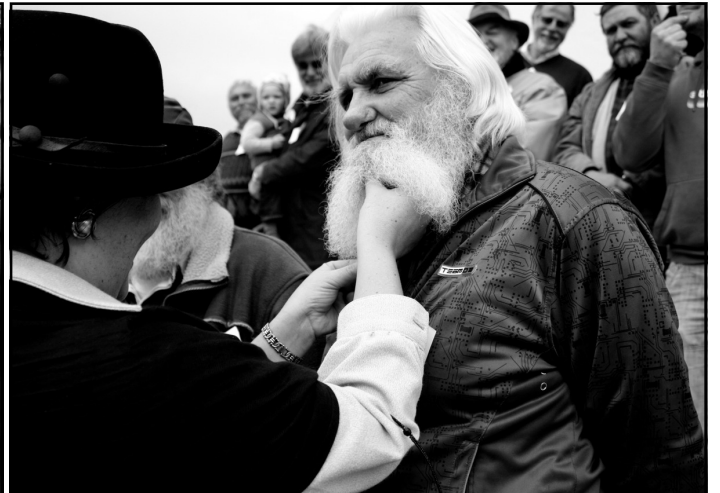
Die koektafels kreun onder die gemeente se bydraes



So opwindend!



Daar was volop winskope by die vleistafels



Beoordelaar, Annelene de Wit meet Vic Tickner se baard waarmee hy ook die langste baardkompetisie wen



Deelnemers aan die baardkompetisie wat al lankal hulle baarde kweek.



Modes die afgelope 150 jaar

NG Kerk se 150ste basaar



Joey Gouws, André Jaquet en Rina Gouws (voor) het hulle plegtig uitgedos vir die modeparade op die kerktrappe. Victoria sou met reg trots gewees het op dié trio!

Liewe Albert

Op Saterdag 11 Augustus woon ek toe mos 'n wonderlike geleentheid by op die mooie dorp Prince Albert, pas 250 jaar oud, glo vir my

Man en muis, en ek inkluis, ruk saam op om te gaan kyk hoe so 'n geskiedkundige gedoente lyk. In my geestesoog het ek vooruit getree 'n eeu of twee en waarlik beleef hoe die NG Kerk se 150ste basaar, met elke tafel vol gedek, die kerkterrein omgeef

Ons aanskou kussinggevegte, hoëhakresies, koffiebrand en die modes van jare gelede die mans met die lang baarde kom staan op die kerk se trap so ewe gedwee

Daar's koeke, groot en klein, terte en beskuit te kies en te koop om van die berge vars vleis nie te praat nie – dit staan in stapels opgepak

Om dit alles te aanskou, slaan asems weg en ons laat ons meesleur Koop gaar pasteie en nekke, poedings en poffers en dra dit in yslike sakke

Vir elfuur-tee haas ons ons vir koek en pannekoek en gaan sit in die kafee Terwyl die skrale sonnetjie nog 'n bietjie hitte gee

Die watertandlekker braaivleis met roosterkoek maak ons mae vol En ek kan jou verseker die keuse was voorwaar in die kol

Die kinders koop elk 'n Hansie-stok-en-hoed-sakkie En straal met oë wat blink oor die mooie pakkie

Gure weer met ysreën en stormwind onderbreek ons voorspoedige dag Maar ons dank ons Vader want ons is geseën en kan vol vreugde lag

Ons sing saam: Ons prys u Grote Naam, o Here, vir al die goedheid uit u hand Ons dank U vir ons hele lewe waarin U ons met guns omgewe, met liefde ver bo ons verstand.

Liefdegroete,
Victoria

Die voortreflike 150ste kerkbasaar wat op Saterdag 11 Augustus voor die NG Kerk tot in die staat gehou is, was só 'n heuglike ervaring dat Miems Theron met gevleuelde woorde geslaan is tot hierdie sprekende gedig!

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Potjiekosaand 'n Dawerende Sukkes



Johanna Luttig se skaapkoppe het vinnig uitverkoop
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De Wet Luttig pas sy afvalpot met groot sorg op by die basaar suksesvolle potjiekos aand (Foto: Dawid Rossouw)

Potjiekos, skaapkop en vars gebakte brood is egte Suid-Afrikaanse kultuur. En Prince Albert se NG Kerk het met hul potjiekosaand (ter viering van die 150ste kerkbasaar) in die oortrefende trap reg laat geskied aan dié tradisie van gesellig kuier om 'n houtvuur, murgsagte skaapkoppe uiteet met 'n skerp mes en brood sommer dik smeer met vye-, appelkoos- en druivekonfyt.

Die aand is gehou op Vrydag, 10 Augustus, by die Markie langs die museum - wat behoorlik uit sy nate gebars het met toeriste en Prince Alberters met hul gaste, familie en vriende van oraloor. Entoesiastiese eters kon kies tussen ses-tien Karoo-potjies gevul met lamskenkels, skaap, bees, wild, hoender, kerrie, afval, waterblommetjies en les bes, pasta. En die reuse potte heerlike loskorrelrys het ook groot aftrek gekry met 'n raps ekstra souserigheid... 280 borde kos is geskep!

Potmakers en gaste was almal in 'n plesierige luim met 'n wyntjie in die hand en 'n kossie in die tand en het gesels-gesels saamgekuier rondom heerlike warmmaakvure met opgewekte musiek in die agtergrond. Die lekkerste kos en die geselligste atmosfeer - beter as

enige opelug-restaurant in Suid-Afrika!


Boonop het almal se kinders hul magies vol geëet en lekker saamgespeel in ons veilige dorp. Die fraai versierde "cup cakes" was ook 'n treffer!


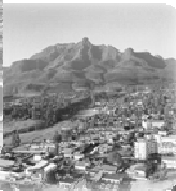

'n Encore van die gebeurtenis sal definitief vir die 151ste basaar gepas wees. Só 'n feestelike samesyn van mense maak die woorde van die liedjie *Daar is 'magic' in die Karoo*, baie waar. Volgende jaar bring hierdie geleentheid hopelik nog meer vriende, familie en toeriste na ons wenner-aand om ons dorp se onkoopbare saligheid, vrede, skoonheid, reinheid en suiwerheid te geniet saam met egte Karoo-mense. Dan kan ons weer saam werk, kuier en feesvier in danksegging tot eer van God ons Vader.

As nuwe intrekkers vind ons gesin die mense van Prince Albert vol inspirerende motivering, met gepaste nederige trots: Dankie aan *almal* vir 'n fantastiese aand.

Die potjieaand het die organiseerders se wildste verwagtinge oortref en die gesonde bedrag van R16,000 is ingesamel.




- Dawie en Jeanette Louw -










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Real Women in Action



Margy Jaftha and Carita Schoeman (l) of Women in Action present Hendrik Moos and Karlien Swartz with a new home on Women's Day. Mayor Goliath Lottering (back) attended the event
(Photo: Linda Jaquet)

Karlien Swartz and Hendrik Moos and their three children, Caroline, Nicolene and Ramundo lived for more than a year under a plastic makeshift shelter behind a house on Muisvoël St with no running water or electricity. Their lives changed on 9 August, when they moved into a two-room corrugated-iron structure

presented to them by Women in Action.

Women in Action (WIA) are Jackie Hendricks, Margy Jaftha, Vanessa Lottering, Carita Schoeman, Vynzell Meyer and Theresa Wagenaar. The six women came together in August 2011 to address the needs in the community and especially those of women. "We wanted to try and change people's lives for the better," the Chairperson, Carita Schoeman explained. "We also believe that it's important to work with other community organisations."

Vynzell, a member of the SAPS, told her colleagues about the Swartz/Moos family who the SAPS had "adopted". WIA decided to build a structure for the family and began raising funds. They each made personal donations to the project, ensured the family were included on the Municipality's housing database and informed Badisa of their plight.

WIA was also able to depend on the good-

will of others. The owner of the property on Muisvoël St allowed the family to stay there until they have their own home. Lewis Stores donated two beds and Mari and Johan du Toit provided bedding, clothes, a carpet and a stove.

Karlien is now employed on a Municipal poverty alleviation programme. Hendrik says that he has turned his back on his heavy drinking and is determined to prove to the community that he has started a new life.

Carita told the *Friend* that WIA would monitor the family regularly. "We believe that if you plant a seed, you look after it and want to see something beautiful come out of it."

For more information about WIA, call Carita on 023 541 1231 or 082 305 8981.

- Linda Jaquet -

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Dumping of water weed at Eerstewater



Water Hyacinth on the Groot Lethaba River, Kruger National Park (Photo: Sue Dean)

Eerstewater is the popular picnic site on the town side of the Swartberg Pass, where the Dorpsrivier crosses the road. There is a large pool there. In January and again in June 2012 someone dumped about a bakkie load of Water Hyacinth (*Eichornia crassipes*) into this pool. Whoever did it may have thought that they were protecting an indigenous plant, but unfortunately, Water Hyacinth is considered one of the most damaging weeds in the world. It is a declared weed in South Africa that must be controlled (Henderson 2001). Originating in the Amazon River system in South America it thrives on polluted and nutrient-enriched still waters such as lakes, vleis, sewage works and dams.

Water Hyacinth is a floating waterweed with round leaves and hollow swollen

stems that act as floats. It produces most attractive orchid-like purple flowers and for this reason is often introduced to fishponds as an ornamental. Where water is nutrient enriched by fertilizer runoff, sewage or waterfowl, the plants multiply rapidly, soon forming huge floating mats that cover the water surface, excluding sunlight and oxygen. Apart from causing the death of fish, tadpoles, dragonfly larvae and many other aquatic animals, the mats of waterweed increase the surface area of the dam or lake, increasing evaporation loss. They also block rivers and waterways causing flooding.

It is unlikely that Water Hyacinth would survive or grow in the clean water that runs out of the Swartberg. However, the dumped weeds travel downstream with the leivoor and could eventually

reach farms dams, fishponds and the sewage works where they provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other vectors of human diseases (<http://goo.gl/Zeley>). When the Dorpsrivier floods, the weeds might eventually reach the Gamka River and then the Gamkapoort Dam – the water supply for Calitzdorp. This would be a serious matter because the plants would likely multiply on the muddy water. It would be very costly to clear the weed from such a large dam, even if a combination of chemical, mechanical and biological control methods was used.

Other invasive water weeds used in fish ponds and aquaria are *Salvinia*, *Elodia*, Red Water Fern, Parrot's Feather and Water Lettuce. All of these water plants were imported from other countries without their natural enemies, and so all will rapidly increase when introduced to still, fertile water.

We notified CapeNature and the local Water Users Association of the waterweed dumping at Eerstewater in June. Because the dumping of an invasive alien waterweed in a river is "an emergency incident" in terms of section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act (1998), Kallie Erasmus immediately reported the dumping to Mr Rudi Ellis, Head of the Western Cape Department of Local Government, Environment and Development Planning. The report was followed by a visit from a CapeNature official – however the weeds had already disappeared down stream!

The possible downstream consequences of invasion by Water Hyacinth were discussed at the LandCare Forum meeting held at Renu-Karoo farm nursery on 19 July. Fish and plants from ponds and aquaria should never be moved to natural wetland habitats such as rivers and lakes because they can damage the native plants and animals by transmitting diseases or simply increasing rapidly and out-competing the plants and animals that belong there.

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Kaktus Bedreiging



Indringer kaktus op die Robert Gordon koppie
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Huis tuine is die oorsprong van 70% van alle indringer plante, waar hul veilig en sonder siektes of plaes so vermeerder het dat hulle verminder moet word. Sodoende beland hul op ashope vanwaar hul versprei. Die rede waarom hul so mooi sterk groei, is gewoonlik dat hul natuurlike vyande in hul lande van herkoms agtergebly het.

water in hul blare of stingels bêre. Ons eie vetplante is inheems en sluit in vygies, beeskloutjies, melkbos, melktou, ghaap, nenta, sambokbos, botterboom en nog meer. Hulle word heel suksesvol deur kaktusse verdring. In die Karoo is meer sukkulente plante as in enige ewe groot area op aarde. Geen sukkulente plante in Afrika behoort tot die kaktus familie. Alle kaktusse kom vanuit Amerika.

Minstens tien soorte kaktusse het die Prince Albert omgewing al binnegedring. In die Bodorp, Robert Gordon koppie, industriële area en Noordend onder andere, is populasies te sien. Onder hulle is kabelturksvy, verskillende turksvy soorte, litjieskaktus, orrelpyp kaktus en 'boxing glove' kaktus. Meeste kaktusse in tuine val onder die kategorie indringer onkruid. Dit beteken hul mag nie verkoop of geplant word nie en moet uitgeroei word waar dit in wilde areas voorkom.

heemse indringer plante in semi-woestyn gebiede, waterweë okkupeer, waar hul die meeste vog tot hul beskikking het vir vermeerdering, en deur die water verder versprei word. Hul lang skerp dorings beseer diere en word moeilik verwyder. Enige plant wat vinnig vermeerder waar dit onwelkom is, is 'n ongewenste plant.

Om van ongewenste plante ontslae te raak is geen maklike korttermyn taak nie, dit kan egter bereik word deur 'n kombinasie tussen wetgewing, publieke opvoeding en betrokkenheid, biologiese en fisiese beheer. MSMA is 'n chemiese middel wat suksesvol teen kaktusse aangewend kan word. So 'n aksie moet na 3-6 maande opgevolg word om nuwe plante te dood. Bogenoemde gifstof word gratis deur die Departement van Landbou op Beaufort Wes voorsien. (Tel: 023 414-2126)

Wees bewus van die gevaar wat kaktusse inhou in ons area en tuine.

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- Joseph Steyn -



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Garden Club News

Museum Garden

Wednesday, 1 August, was decidedly chilly in Prince Albert, but this did not deter a small group of keen Garden Club members from their goal of sprucing up the garden of the Fransie Pienaar Museum.

Suitably attired and armed with shovels, forks, trowels, secateurs, loppers, buckets and a wheelbarrow, some set about composting and mulching the beds, pruning and cutting back shrubs that had been neglected for some time. Under the supervision of Rosemary McEwan, others transplanted seedlings and planted slips of indigenous, waterwise plants, lavender and rosemary and three bougainvillea, all donated by the community of Prince Albert. Nature conservation students, Brenda and Christiaan Viljoen, joined the gardeners, helping to dig holes and advising on how best to prune overgrown and tangled shrubs. Branches and cuttings were taken away by Sue Goosen to be



Rosemary McEwan, a staunch member of the Garden Club, prepares to water the garden of the Fransie Pienaar Museum

shredded and returned to mulch the garden. Just over two hours later, the gardeners downed tools and relaxed over a cup of tea.

A big thank you to all who contributed in kind and in time and effort and a special thanks to Rosemary McEwan who has spent a good many hours working on her own in the Museum garden.

Dates for your diary

On 5 September, Julie Waterston has invited all members and friends to visit the gardens of Karoo View Cottages. Sue Dean will take us on a guided tour of the indigenous plants.

The annual Plant Sale will be held in October, so please keep this in mind when you are busy in your own garden and start taking slips and pot up seedlings now so that we have a good show of rooted plants for the sale.

We welcome new members and you need not be a knowledgeable or experienced gardener to join. Contact Sue Goosen on 023 541 1588 or Dawn Viljoen on 023 541 1823 to learn more.

- Linda Jaquet -

KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEK OM DRANKLISENSIE IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 19 VAN DIE DRANKWET. NO 27 VAN 1989

Kennis word hiermee gegee van die voorneme om ondervermelde aansoeker om aansoek te doen by die Drankraad van die Wes-Kaap vir 'n lisensie om die soort drank vermeld hierin vanaf die perseel geleë by die ondervermelde adres te verkoop. Die aansoek is by die ondervermelde polisiekantoor geliasseer ter insae van die publiek. Besware teen die aansoek mag by die plaaslike vermelde polisiekantoor ingedien word binne 28 dae en 'n afskrif moet aan die applikant verskaf word.

Volle name en van, straat en posadres:

Hendrik Johannes Louw Sbyders
Buitekantstraat, 44, Klaarstroom, 6932

Soort lisensie waarvoor aansoek gedoen word:

Spesiale lisensie (Buiteverbruik)

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Alle soorte

Naam van besigheid:

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Bome vir jou Karootuin *Harpephyllum caffrum*– Wildepruim



Wildepruim

Die boom van die maand is die Wildepruim. Dit is 'n immergroen boom met 'n digte ronde kroon. Die boom kan 'n hoogte van 20 – 35m bereik. Dit het 'n pragtige donkergrys bas. Die blare bestaan uit 4 tot 8 pare wat teenoorstaande blaar-dele. Die 'leaflets' is 'n pragtige donker, glans groen. Nog 'n maklike manier om die boom te identifiseer, is die herfskleur blare wat op die boom aangetref kan word, want anders as ander bome behou die wildepruim die kleurvolle blare. Die blomme is baie klein en wissel van geel tot wit. Die manlike en vroulike geslagte is op verskillende bome en om vrugte te kan dra is twee of selfs meer bome nodig. Dit is lonend om die moeite te doen om vrugtes te hê aangesien hulle jou boom jaarliks sal versier met pragtigebloedrooi pruim-agtige vrugte wat die boom in 'n voëlparadys omskep.

Die vrugte bied kos aan bobbejane, ape, nagapies, bosvarke en bosbokke om 'n paar te noem. Die hout kan gebruik word om meubels te maak, veral tafels en stoele. Die boom bied skuiling en kos aan die gewone haartjie skoenlapper wat lewe van die blomknoppe en blomme van die wildepruim. Vrugtevreterende voëlsoorte kan in jou tuin kan verwag word as die boom eers in volle vrug is. Hier in Prince Albert behoort jy die Bonthoutkapper, Rooiwangmuisvoël en Witkruismuisvoël aan te tref. Dit is ook 'n uitstekende skaduboom, nie net vir vee nie, maar vir motor parkeerareas en

selfs vir 'n lekker piekniek area gedurende die warm sommermaande hier in Prince Albert.

Die wildepruim is 'n baie gewilde tuinboom as gevolg van sy verskeie eienskappe wat hy bied. Dit het nie 'n aggressiewe wortelsisteem nie en kan dus op enige plek geplant word, waar skadu is of in vol son. Die wildepruim kan ligte ryp hanteer en ook kort periodes van droogte. Dit is 'n vinnige groeier en groei ongeveer 1-1.5m in een jaar. Die wildepruim is ook 'n gewilde bonsai boom vir diegene wat hulle hand daaraan wil waag.

Alhoewel daar nog baie bespiegeling is oor die boom, is daar wel al 'n paar medisinale aanwendings. Die vrugte is eetbaar vir mense, alhoewel hulle soms baie suur kan wees.

'n Lekker drankie, soortgelyk aan limonade kan gemaak word deur slegs water en 'n bietjie suiker by geskilde vruggies te voeg. Konfyt en jellies kan ook gemaak word van die vrugte. Die bas van die wildepruim word gebruik vir inwendige en uitwendige kwale en is glo 'n uitstekende geneesmiddel vir velkwale veral aknee en ekseem. Die bas word verpoëier en dan in kookwater geplaas. Die drankie kan dan in klein dosisse elke dag gedrink word, maar pasop, die brousel sorg ook vir skoon bloed en dien as 'n braakmiddel as te veel ingeneem word. 'n Brousel van die bas word verder gebruik as gesigsmaskers of wasmiddels. Die bas word ook gebruik as 'n kleurstof en gee 'n pragtige lila tot pienk kleur.

Soos julle kan sien is die boom definitief die moeite werd om in jou tuin te hê. Of jy nou diere wil lok en of jy die natuurlike geneeswaarde van hom wil uittoets. In alle opsigte bied dit fantastiese waarde vir jou geld. Voor jy weer geld wil spandeer aan medisyne, raadpleeg eers bietjie ons natuurlike apteek.

Brenda Viljoen as 'n student by NMMU is tans besig om haar praktiese jaar te doen by Renu-karoo Veld Restoration cc in Prince Albert.

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just a year ago they were fighting for their lives in the Intensive Care Unit that was their home for a whole month?

Juanita and Ian could not be more proud of their miracle babies as they are walking, talking and doing what normal one year olds do! Older brother Jayden enjoys helping Mommy with the twins and spoils them with affection. A big and warm-hearted thank you to Grandpa Gerri and Grandma Ria from Prickly Pear for always helping out and for all your love.

Also to everyone in Prince Albert, a special thanks for your keen interest and support throughout the year.



Prince Albert Olives Win Gold Again

As the *Friend* went to press, we learned that Prince Albert Olives won a gold medal at the South African Olive Oil Industry Association's Extra Virgin Olive Oil Awards on Thursday night, 23 August.

Their 'Karoo Blend' was judged the top Medium oil in the Commercial category. Prince Albert Olives won gold in 2010 for the best Delicate oil.

Congratulations to owner, Fred Badenhorst, olive oil maker, Essie Esterhuizen, and the team at Prince Albert Olives for yet another great achievement.

Prince Albert Olives on Hope Street is open for visitors from Monday to Friday, from 08h00 to 13h00. Telephone: 023 541 1687.



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Vanuit die Raadsaal

Werkskepping

Om in aanmerking te kom vir enige van die Munisipaliteit se werkskeppingsprojekte, moet belangstellende werkloses op die Munisipaliteit se databasis geregistreer wees; dit geld dus eerstens vir die werkers in die wyke wat omsien na die **skoonmaak in die verskillende Wyke**, ten spyte van die probleem van volgehoue storting van vullis deur persone wat ongelukkig nie hulle samewerking met die projek gee nie. Dan vir die **rehabilitasie van die Swartbergpas**, wat nog so 'n opwindende projek is wat deur die Nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake befonds word, 18 maande sal duur en verskeie werksgeleenthede sal bied aan die werkloses op ons databasis. Die Inligtingsvergadering vind plaas op Donderdag, 23 Augustus 2012 in die Sydwell Williams Sentrum; onthou jy moet op die databasis wees om voordeel te trek! Ook die **stormwaterprojek** wat gedurende Oktober 2012 gaan afskop bied verder werksgeleenthede aan die werkloses op ons databasis.

Wykskomitee vergaderings is goed op dreef en die gemeenskap is te alle tye welkom om hierdie vergaderings by te woon as waarnemers. Ons dank en waardeer aan die lede van die verskillende wykskomitees vir hul bydraes en insette.

Behuising

Inligting van aansoekers word tans nagegaan vir korrektheid met die oog op die vestiging van 'n behuisingskomitee in Prince Albert sodat begunstigdes op hoogte gehou kan word van die vordering ten opsigte van behuising in die Munisipale gebied.

Jaareinde

Die Raad het op Donderdag, 23 Augustus, 'n spesiale raadsvergadering waar ons die Finansiële Jaarstate vir die 2011/2012 boekjaar bespreek het vir goedkeuring gehou. Ons vertrou om met die volgende uitgawe die gemeenskap te kan inlig oor die vordering wat gemaak is ten opsigte van die Munisipaliteit se finansies.

Opening van Thusong Sentrum

Die Thusong Sentrum word op Vrydag, 14 September, deur die Minister van Plaaslike Regering, mnr Anton Bredell, geopen. Ons is tans in alle erns besig met die beplanning rondom die geleentheid.

Die kantooruimte in die Sentrum sal gebruik word deur die Departement Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling, SASSA (die Suid-Afrikaanse Agentskap vir Maatskaplike Sekerheid), die Departement van Binnelandse Sake, die Departement van Arbeid en die Onafhanklike Verkiesingskommissie. (OVK/IEC).

Plaaslike Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling/ Local Economic Development

Onder leiding van Raadslid Annelie Rabie het die proses ten opsigte van Plaaslike Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling in Leeu Gamka afgeskop en is die Bakkerij, Naaldwerk Projek en Kruietuin op die oomblik in volle swang. Die proses sal nou voortgesit word in Klaarstroom waarna Prince Albert aan die beurt kom; hopelik met dieselfde passie onder die mense as wat die geval was in Leeu Gamka.

Forums

Die volgende forums is reeds geaktiveer:

Council of Stakeholders Forum - Leeu Gamka

Behuisingskomitee - Leeu Gamka

Die volgende forums gaan in die volgende maand geaktiveer word:

Sportforum te Prince Albert.

Behuisingskomitee - Prince Albert

Gesondheidsforum - Prince Albert, Leeu Gamka en Klaarstroom.

Projekte

Die volgende projekte is goed op dreef maar nog onvoltooi: die opgradering van paaie in Rondonskrik area, asook die opgradering van sportvelde.

Werkessie met Subkontraakteurs

Die Departement Tegnies onder leiding van Mnr Ronnie Klink poog om gereelde werksessies met die subkontraakteurs van die onderskeie dorpe te hou. Dit is duidelik dat die vorige werksessies met die sub-kontraakteurs produktief was en dat die aangestelde subkontraakteurs genoeg geleentheid kry om ondervinding op te doen. Subkontraakteurs moet die geleenthede gebruik om logistieke probleme wat hulle nog mag ondervind, uit te sorteer.

Samevatting

Die raadslede het op Maandag, 20 Augustus, alle projekte in die Munisipale gebied wat deur die MIG (Munisipale Infrastruktuur Toekenning) befonds word besoek en was beïndruk met die vordering van die projekte; sodoende bly raadslede op die hoogte van projekte en kan debatte meer doelgerig plaasvind.

Ek wil laastens die vertroude uitspraak dat die huidige samewerking tussen raadslede net sal verbeter in die beste belang van al die onderskeie gemeenskappe.

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Met Koffer en Kaart
deur Helena Gunter

Helena Gunter het in 2007 gedebuteer met die kortverhaalbundel *Op 'n plaas in Afrika* waarvoor sy met die Eugène Marais Prys bekroon is. Net soos in sy voorganger skryf Gunter in haar jongste kortverhaalbundel oor die platte-

land, die ervaringe op die platteland en die allerteenwoordigheid van politiek en geweld. Teenoor die platteland en die plaasbestaan word die lewe in die stad asook die beleving van Europa en sy kultuurhistoriese erfenis, beskou.

Die bundel word in drie dele aangebied en die onderskeie verhale in elke gedeelte skakel intertekstueel by mekaar aan. Daar is gedeelde karakters en ervarings en dit lees byna soos drie klein novelles. Myns insiens is een van die deurlopende kwessies in Gunter se werk, naas die skuldbesef en die worsteling met die wit identiteit in Afrika, die uitbeelding van manlikheid. Reeds in haar debuutbundel het sy tradisionele opvattinge oor manlikheid bevraagteken en sy sit dit voort in hierdie bundel. Die stories lees maklik en lekker. Dit laat jou terselfdertyd ongemaklik voel, omdat hulle so herkenbaar is.

Rapport Weekliks en Huisgenoot Boeke

Bin There, Done It!



Local artist, Lorna Verran, submitted this cartoon of John McKenna, the driving force behind the 2012 Commemorative Bin Project.

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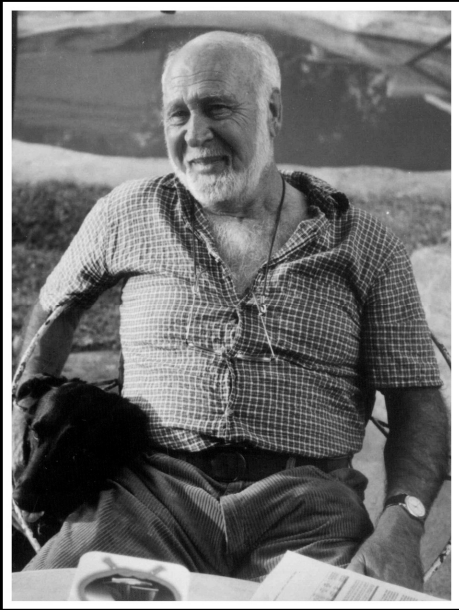
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HERSTEL, VERJONGING, VERNUWE.

✠ Michael Brunner 1934 - 2012



Michael Brunner

Live life to the full – life is an adventure!

Michael was born in Springs and educated there and at St. Andrews College in Grahamstown, where he joined the choir, the acting society, consumed goodly quantities of communion wine as a sideline to his function as an altar boy, and always came first in 100 and 200 yard sprints.

He worked in his dad's Plumbing Mine Engineering business, supplying ventilation pipes to the mines. One day he got into woman trouble and figured it would be wise to get out of the country. He spent a memorable year in the UK and Europe grabbing every opportunity for an experience, setting out from London to Barcelona on a Vespa (the Vespa did not make it but he did). He picked strawberries, washed dishes in hotels met plenty of women, spent time on yachts, drank *vin ordinaire*, looked after race horses and hounds – gained a lot – lost it all, sent a telegram to his dad "Please sell my Tiger Moth and send money".

He got married, had two kids, and ran the family farm near Endicott, introducing contouring of the lands, working the fields mainly with horses. A total new-

comer to the "Springs Repertory Players" he got the plum part as Dr. Forest in *Forest Winds*". Happy times – then a divorce.

A new chapter – medical rep based mainly in PE. A marriage and three kids. Quit repping, bought a bookshop "Alford's", sold books and got "banned" books into circulation. He joined the PE amateur acting societies "Pemads" and "Gilbert & Sullivan" and won the 'Actor of the year Award' four times. Happy years. Another divorce.

A new start in Jo'burg. His only possessions, a car, a caravan and a suitcase full of clothes. Tried his luck as a professional actor. Had never been in front of a camera before and got the part of Taffy Williams, the leader of the strike, in the eight-part TV series 'The Miners' Strike of 1922' Then '2 Weeks in 'Paradise' 'Jock of the Bushveld' The Game' The Power of One' 'Sheltering Desert' and lots more.

A third wife for a short while. Difficult times.

More work. 'Incident at Victoria Falls' 'Binnekring' 'Pony Trekking'...

A new marriage and a new life. And a smallholding off the grid. Solar panels, a windmill, a donkey boiler, stacks of free-range animals all over the show. He designed a dwelling, something in between a medieval fortress and a kraal, with 120m² house, a guest cottage, stables and workshops. Built it by hand without any electrical tools, using local materials – the ground to make bricks, trees for roof beams, veld grass for the thatching.

'Laksman', 'Soul City', 'Operation', 'Delta Force', 'Suburban Bliss'.

He built a traditional wooden 40-foot gaff rigged cutter, made the metal parts in a forge of his own design, sewed the sails on an ancient manual Singer

sewing machine.

'Isidingo (seven and half years), 'Black Velvet Band'...

The boat got launched as part of the 'Isidingo' story line. Three years aboard at the yacht club. Hilarious times with weirdos and adventures.

'Krakatoa'

An arthritic hip. Travels through Southern Africa in search for a place to settle. Swallowed the anchor in Prince Albert. He loved the town, the people and the Karoo.

'The Far far Tree', 'n Saak van Geloof'

Michael was multi-talented and an extraordinary lateral thinker. He was extremely generous with his time, in passing on his knowledge and with his money. He knew by heart where to find relevant passages in the Bible, the Koran, the Bhagavad-Gita and other works of spiritual and religious literature. He had a special gift to help troubled people to see their situation from a new perspective and to find courage within themselves.

He starred/featured in 59 movies and TV series in South Africa that doesn't necessarily mean you make a fortune. His wish for future SA actors was that they'd get more recognition in their own country, like actors in the USA, India and France.

When Michael felt he couldn't live his life to the full anymore he made a decision and went back there where we all came from in the first place.

Michael and I lived together for 19 years. I'm quite sure his message to the world is 'to thine own self be true, Enjoy life, use your gifts. Be kind to yourself and others and look after the planet.'

- Gunda Hardegen-Brunner -

‘n Nuwe kleuterskool vir Prince Albert

Amper almal in Prince Albert is bekend met die NGK gemeente van Stellenberg wat elke jaar uitreikingswerk hier kom doen. In die begin van hierdie jaar het Ettiene van Wyk vir die gemeenskap 'n DVD in die Sydwell Williams sentrum gewys oor die Klipheuwel kleuterskool wat hul gemeente in die Klipheuwelplakkerskamp begin het. Dit was baie inspirerend en baie mense het gevoel dat Prince Albert nog 'n kleuterskool nodig het, veral omdat daar soveel kinders onder die ouderdom van ses nie in kleuterskole is nie.

ROEP! was die dryfkrag agter die totstandkoming van die Sonneblom Kiddie College Komitee. Met Kaptein Eddie Hattingh as voorsitter het ons kontak gemaak met al die kleuterskole wat reeds in Prince Albert is en dit is ons hoop dat ons tot almal se voordeel sal kan saamwerk.

Wees asseblief verseker daarvan dat ons

doel nie daar is om enige kind wat reeds in 'n kleuterskool is af te neem nie. Ons wil fokus op die vele kindertjies wat sonder enige stimulasie net by die huis bly. Op die oomblik het Prince Albert Primêr se Gr R klas net plek vir 30 leerders. 'n Kind wat nie die geleentheid gehad het om kleuterskool by te woon nie, het 'n groot agterstand in Graad 1. Ongelukkig gebeur dit dan ook dat hierdie agterstand soms nooit ingehaal word nie.

Ons beoog om kinders van 3 tot 6 jaar te neem. Hoewel die Stellenberg gemeente (onder Shiloh Synergy) ons gaan help om ons voete te vind, is hierdie Prince Albert se kleuterskool en moet die gemeenskap en weldoeners ons befonds. Ons hoop van harte dat donateurs ons sal ondersteun. Onthou hierdie kinders is ons toekoms!

Ouers wat solank hul kinders se name op die waglys wil plaas is welkom om dit by Prince Albert Primêr op te gee. Daar sal 'n boek in die ingangsportaal gehou word

waar u welkom is om u besonderhede neer te skryf.

Indien u meer inligting wil bekom kan u Christeline Esterhuizen by die Fransie Pienaar Museum skakel – 023 541 1172. Kyk ook na www.shiloh.org.za



- Linda Fodor -

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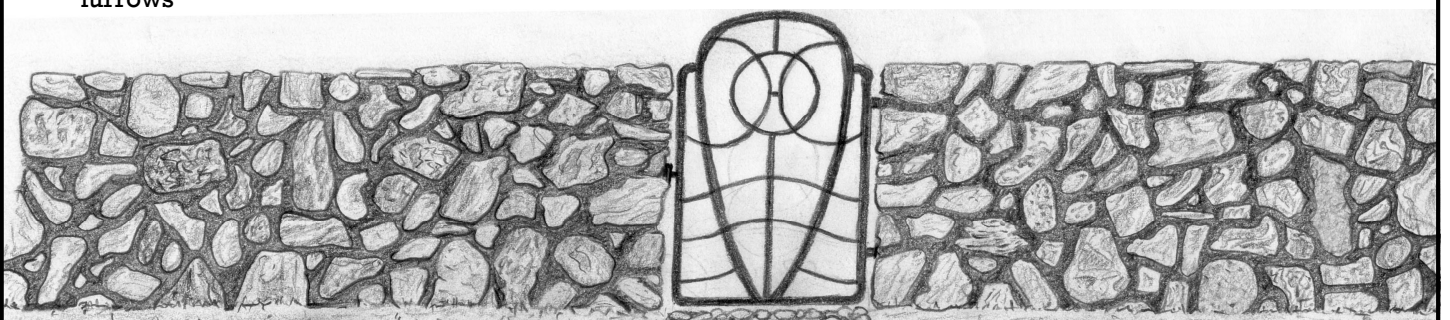


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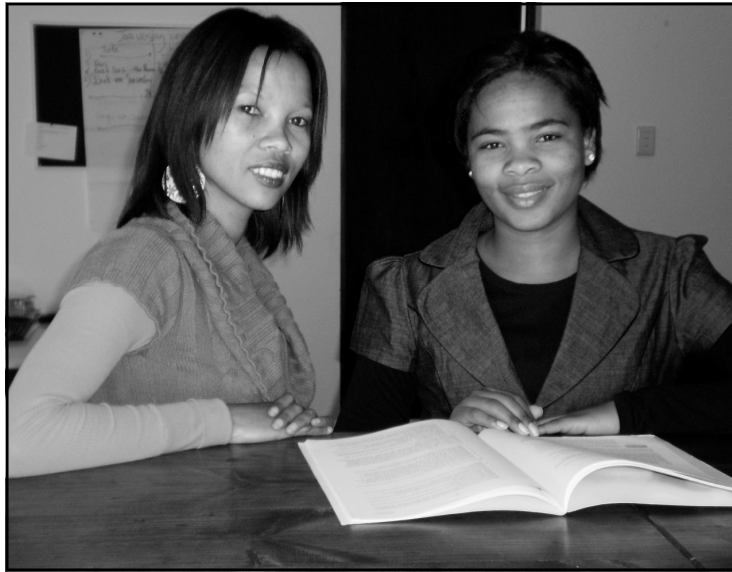
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Twêe nuwe maatskaplike werkers by BADISA



Esmerelda Grootboom and Ingrid Pfeiffer (Foto: Barbara Gorniak)

Esmerelda Grootboom en Ingrid Pfeiffer is ons twee op en wakker en entoesiastiese nuwe maatskaplike werkers by Badisa. Albei goed gekwalifiseer met 'n BA graad in maatskaplike werk, is hulle vuur en vlam om hulle merk te maak.

Esmerelda is 'n boorling van Oudtshoorn en het vandat sy in 2008 af studeer het, reeds by die ACVV in Dysselsdorp en NICRO gewerk. In haar hart is sy eintlik 'n sendeling en haar studies en huidige werk is 'n manier om daardie doel te verwesenlik. Sy gesels graag met die mense, luister en help met individuele en gemeenskapsprobleme en wil vir elkeen met wie sy werk, opnuut hoop gee. Haar stokperdjies is lees en stap maar van administrasie hou sy min.

Ingrid is van Pofadder, waar sy in 'n kinderhuis grootgeword het, sy het in 2011 haar opleiding voltooi. Sy ken die ontvangkant van stigma en etikette, vandaar haar passie: probleemkinders. Kinders met sogenaamde 'labels'. Dit is spesifiek die kinders met wie sy by voorkeur gesels, probeer verstaan en menswaardigheid aan terug wil gee. Sy HOU van die moeilike kliënte, sy beskou groepe van 4-8 mense en gemeenskapswerk as 'n uitdaging. Sy geniet dit om die verslae te skryf, maar o wee, statistieke kry haar onder.

Die wanbestuur van kinderondersteuningstoelae is deel van hierdie twee positiewe dames se domein en sal heelwat aandag geniet; hulle is reeds doenig met die:

“Straatkind Projek: *Ons het 'n vergadering met hierdie kinders se ouers gehou, van wie ongelukkig minder as die helfte opgedaag het. Aan die betrokke ouers is voorgehou dat hulle aangekla kan word van kinderverwaarlosing, aangesien hulle 'n kinder-ondersteuningstoelaag ontvang en hulle kinders onversorg voorkom.*

Die voorstelle waarmee hulle vorendag gekom het was:

- *Dat die kinders hul tyd na skool so inruim dat hulle by die plaaslike “e-centre” hul tyd spandeer ten einde rekenaar vaardighede aan te leer.*
- *Dat ouers betrek word by die dienslewering. Deur ouerleiding aan die betrokke ouers te bied, kan gesonde, gelukkige en verstandige kinders gekweek word.*
- *Dat die kinders ingeskakel word by groepwerk, hetsy lewensvaardigheid, opvoedkundig van aard of wat ook al die behoefte van die kliënte sisteem is.*
- *Hiermee hoop ons om Prince Albert straatkind vry te maak en beter kinders te kweek.”*

Prince Albert se inwoners is almal diep besorg oor die straatkinders en wanbestuur van die gewraakte ‘all-pay’ en sal julle projek met aandag volg.

Sterkte! En baie welkom op ons dorp.

- Barbara Gorniak -



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Ons dink vooruit

Gr 2 en 3 Grondslagfase-leerders sê dankie vir Pappa en Mamma



Vyf-en-veertig Grondslagfase-leerders by Hoërskool Zwartberg

Al die pappas, mammas en so hier en daar 'n ouma is uitgenooi na die spoggeleentheid van die Grondslagfase-leerders in die skoolsaal by Hoërskool Zwartberg. Die geleentheid: 'n Ruiker dankie-sê-woorde vir Pappa en Mamma vir die voorreg om hulle kind te wees.

Sowat vyftig haasbekkies is uitgevat vir die geleentheid. Strikke en linte is in die dogtertjies se hare gebind, terwyl jy die seuntjies deur 'n ring kon trek.

Die tafels is pragtig versier met blomme, heerlike versierde kolwyntjies en gepaste sêgoed oor geluk en oueropvoeding en ander wyskede.

'n Kind se lewenspad begin in die gesin. Dis waar sy rigting en roeping bepaal word. Ons leer ook by hulle dat skoonheid net veldiep is, maar dat geluk 'n diep vel het.

Diana Koorts en Bianca Luttig is die inspirasie en dryfkrag agter dié ouerdag.

Die haasbekkies vergas ons met sang, musiek, samespraak en voordrag. Hulle beantwoord vrae soos: Wat is 'n goeie ma? Wat is 'n huis? Die verskille tussen grootmense en kinders. Hulle vertel ook hoe 'n mamma en pappa aanmekaar gesit is. Die ouers se hele wese straal van trots as hulle kleinding op die verhoog sy rympte opsê. Hulle klap oorstrelp hande

en hulle oë kyk met liefde na hulle spruite. Nooit geweet hulle is só oulik nie!

Juffrou staan agter in die saal. Haar oë volg elke kind en begelei hulle om die rympies en sêgoed foutloos voor te dra. Hulle sing en speel toneel en dit alles om vir ma en pa dankie te sê. Hier is baie moeite gedoen deur elke kind en die twee juffrouens.

Ons geniet ná die geleentheid 'n heerlike koppie tee met die smaaklike kolwyntjies. Voorwaar 'n spoggerige geleentheid wat maak dat jy met trots na ons Grondslagfase-onderwysers kyk.

Ek dink ek verwoord elke ouer se gedagte as ek sê: "Baie geluk Diana en Bianca. Ons is só trots op julle."

-Miems Theron-



PA Primêr bederf die "Golden Oldies"

Prince Albert Primêr se onderwysers het op 17 Augustus die ouer mense in ons gemeenskap lekker bederf. Ons weet in ons gemeenskap is die oupas en oumas dikwels die rots waarop die familie steun.

Geld is ingesamel en Elise Claassen en haar span dames het die heerlikste hoenderpastei, groente en malva poeding met vla gemaak. Na Mnr Steyn se skriflesing en gebed, het al die onderwysers vir ons "Golden Oldies" gesing. Hulle het werklik ons bydrae waardeur. Daarna het Ingrid Scheepers vir almal vertel hoe hulle in die vroeë 1960's na El Debbo geluister het in die Van Riebeecksaal - waar Orton's was en Karoo Looms nou is. Almal het haar weergawe van "Hasie hoekom is jou stert so kort?" terdê geniet. Anna Paulse het 'n pragtige gedig "My Ouma" voorgedra en Ant Toppie Balie het ons vermaak met pittige sêgoed. Die meesters is ingespan as kelners en het sommer die skottelgoed ook gewas!

Ons doel was om Oud-President Nelson Mandela te eer deur 67 minute se diens te lewer. Soos dit maar altyd is; hoe meer jy gee, hoe meer ontvang jy. Deur hierdie klein daad te doen is ons ook geseën.

- Linda Fodor -

Prince Albert Primêr Skaakmaat

Die lewe gaan aan, en so ook skaak by ons skool. Ons het in die 2011/12 seisoen die Oudtshoorn streekproewe sowel as die SWD-Unie proewe gespeel, en ons was redelik suksesvol. Ons spelers het soos volg presteer:

Ricardo Nel en Jonathan van Rooyen word opgeneem in die SWD span om die SA Junior Kampioenskappe te gaan speel in Desember te Kaapstad.

Ricardo Nel, Tarryn Arries en Deliah
(Vervolg op p 34)

(PA Primêr... Vervolg vanaf p 33)

Koonthea het in die Junie vakansie SWD verteenwoordig tydens die Weskaap-proewe te Gansbaai.

Jonathan van Rooyen, Ricardo Nel, Delia Koonthea, Lorenzo Slinger en Jonathan Hendricks het op 28 Julie Prince Albert Primêr by die SWD Topskole Kompetisie gaan verteenwoordig en ondanks die feit dat die span nie vol was nie, het hulle die derde plek behaal in die laerskole afdeling.

Al ons spelers is ook lede van die Prince Albert Knights Skaakklub wat beteken dat hulle nou ook in die Ope Liga afdelings sal kan gaan deelneem. Ons is tans besig met voorbereidings vir die nuwe seisoen en strewende daarna dat meer spelers Unie-Kleure sal kan bekom.

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Op Vrydag, 3 Augustus is Hoërskool Zwartberg besoek deur Astrotours se Hans Daehne. Hy het 'n interessante praatjie gelewer oor die basiese struktuur van teleskope en het verdere interessante feite oor astronomie met die leerders gedeel.

skillende golfleengtes van lig verduidelik.

Ons wil Mnr Daehne graag bedank vir die moeite wat gedoen is om die praatjie aan die leerders van Hoërskool Zwartberg te bied. Dit was 'n "hemelse" ervaring.

Daar is byvoorbeeld vir hulle getoon hoe om die afstand na die naaste ster te bereken. Mnr Daehne het ook die ver-

Die Blitzers Dreig



Hierdie gehawende klomp kinders is die Eerste rugbyspan van Hoërskool Zwartberg wat gehelp word deur die "verpleegsters" (die Eerste netbalspan).

Die foto is aan die Hoërskool Laingsburg gestuur met die volgende boodskap: KYK MOOI NA HIERDIE FOTO, WANT DIT IS HOE JULLE

GAAN LYK NA SATERDAG SE "CLASH"!

Ons dank aan Chantal Botha en Sidney Koonthea van die plaaslike ambulansdiens wat saamgespeel het met die interskolepret.

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ZWARTBERG INTERSKOLE 2012



Hoerskool Zwartberg se 0/19 netbal-kaptein ontvang die skild (Foto: Christelle Smit)



Laingsburg se 1ste rugbyspan met die wenskind

Saterdag, 18 Augustus, het Hoërskool Zwartberg interskole gehou en plaaslik meegeding op die rugbyveld en netbalbaan met Hoërskool Laingsburg.

In die week voor die groot dag het al die Blitzers hulle begin gees opbou vir die kragmeting is elke dag "sing-songs" geoefen onder leiding van die dirigente. 'n Waarskuwing is deur die Blitzers uitgestuur na Laingsburg dat hulle hul moes regmaak vir 'n taai stryd anders sou daar nie veel van hulle oorby nie.

Die kleintjies het eerste begin speel en die tellings was as volg. By die netbal het ons 0/11 span 10 – 0 gewen, ons 0/13 span het gelykop gespeel met 4 – 4 en ons 0/17 span het gewen met 18 – 5. By die rugby het ons gemengde uitslae gehad, want ons 0/9 spannetjie het 25 – 10 gewen, maar ons 0/11 span het ongelukkig die knie gebuig teen Laingsburg met 5 – 30. Ons 0/13 span het 34 – 15 gewen en ons 0/19B span het 22 – 0 gewen.

Toe was almal se aandag toegespits op die netbalbaan waar die 0/19 spanne mekaar die stryd aangesê het. Die twee skoolhoofde is eers aan die spelers voorgestel voor die spanne mekaar 'n verbete stryd aangesê het. Ons span het baie goed gespeel en die wedstryd oorheers. Dit was dan ook nie 'n verrassing toe hulle as oorwinnaars uit die stryd getree het met 29 – 2 nie. Wat 'n groot

telling vir die Blitzers!

Hierna het die dirigente opgedaag met die skool se trekker en wa wat opgetooi was met streamers en ballonne. Met hulle aankoms het die Blitzers op die pawiljoen gewys die gees is groot en luidkeels 'n paar oorlogskrete geuter. Toe almal tot bedaring kom, het die sjampanje-meisie, Clementine Solomons en die sjampanje-heer, Jason Claassen aangekom en die skoolhoofde met sjampanje bedien. Hierna het die kapteins hul onderskeie spanne aan die oposisie se skoolhoof voorgestel. Na al hierdie formaliteite het die fluitjie geblaas en 'n harde wedstryd het afgeskop op die rugbyveld. Daar is met mening ingeklim deur 30 begeesterde spelers. Die weke se voorbereiding het gesorg dat die toeskouers getraakteer is op 'n harde maar ook aanskoulike wegstryd. Elke span het twee drieë gedruk, maar kort voor die einde kry ons 'n strafskop teen ons en die eindtelling was toe 13 – 12 in Laingsburg se guns.

Na die wedstryd was die prysoorhandiging en al was ons hartseer oor die rugbytelling het ons gegloei van trots op ons 0/19 netbalspan wat die skild ontvang het vir hul pragtige oorwinning.

Volgende jaar hoop ons om die bordjies op die rugbyveld te verhang en met die rugbyskild ook huis toe te kom.

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